

ILLINOIS GUARD CALLED TO COLORS

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GROCERY

ONE OFFENDER HELD

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EVENING—POLICE ROUND UP
HIS CONFEDERATES—KOENIG
GIVES A STERN LECTURE.

"Padded brick artists" failed in their attempt to burglarize the store of Pat Slattery at Columbus and Superior streets last night or early this morning. The glass in the front door was broken and the combination on the Yale lock turned. The thieves were evidently frightened away before securing any plunder, as nothing was reported missing from the place this morning when an examination was made by Mr. Slattery and Chief of Police George Zurich. It is not believed, however, that the men who attempted the robbery last evening are the same ones who entered the Dimmen and Patcher saloons Thursday evening.

A North Ottawa young man, on the way to his home last night, saw two strangers standing near the Slattery store and they were apparently trying to keep away from the eyes of pedestrians.

This is the third time within the last year that robberies were attempted on the Slattery store.

Youths Rob Grocery.

Led by Joseph Haage, aged eighteen years, six West Ottawa lads ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, entered the grocery store of Bulger & Koenig, at Sycamore and West Lafayette streets, and secured candy, oranges, apples and tobacco, to the value of \$8. This morning all of the youngsters were arraigned in police court and confessed their parts in the robbery.

Joseph Haage, the oldest of the gang, is said to be the master mind, and he will be held by the police on a charge of larceny, as it is his second offense. Haage admits that he was first to enter the place, gaining entrance to the store by tearing off a screen and then dropping over the transom. Once inside of the place, he turned the lock, allowing all of the lads to enter the store. Officers Sheehan and Butterfield rounded up a gang of youngsters last evening. Young Haage was in the crowd, and with his arrest came the confession of the robberies.

On March 19, part of the same crowd are alleged to have entered the store. The youths are said to have gained entrance by pushing open a door.

The boys, with the exception of young Haage, will be paroled to their parents, and in the event that they are again arrested on any charge, they will be sentenced to Pontiac.

The question of the robbery can be blamed to the neglect of the parents. The boys probably entered the place more as a childish prank, but at 10 o'clock they should be in their homes instead of on the streets.

Koenig Gives Lecture.

Better than any punishment was the stern lecture given the lads by Justice Koenig this morning. He pictured the reformatory at Pontiac, and told them they would eventually land there if they did not mend their ways.

A strict enforcement of the curfew and with the parents taking a little interest in their children, would put a stop to this nuisance.

John Bulger, of the firm of Bulger & Koenig, announced that he did not wish to prosecute the lads.

St. Louis Is Safe.

Washington, March 26.—The American liner St. Louis has arrived safely in an English port.

This information reached the navy department today and was made public by Secretary Daniels.

\$50,000 FIRE THREATENS JOLIET BUSINESS DISTRICT

Joliet, Ill., March 26.—Fire threatened the business section of the city with destruction Sunday, but was brought under control after destroying the plant of the Columbia Laundry Company and damaged the property surrounding the laundry concern's building. The loss is placed at \$50,000.

Dr. Powell, From Australia.

Will speak at Hotel Clifton tonight, at 8 o'clock.

NEW MEMBERS CHOSEN FOR RYBURN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C. E. HOOK RESIGNS FROM OFFICE
—JAMES J. DOUGHERTY AND
W. W. NASH CHOSEN TO FILL
TWO VACANCIES.

The city council this morning had little other than routine to occupy its attention. A session of fifteen minutes' duration was all that was necessary to open and close the business of the day.

Principal among the matters disposed of was the announcement of C. E. Hook's resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees, of Ryburn Memorial hospital. Mr. Hook, who has served the city faithfully and well in this capacity for a number of years, was forced to surrender his duties because of the press of other matters. As the cashier-executive of a large bank his day was well filled with things to do and for this reason it became compulsory for him to resign from the hospital board.

Fill Two Vacancies.

The resignation of Mr. Hook and the death of Michael J. Sheehan left two vacancies on the board of directors. This morning the names of W. W. Nash and James J. Dougherty were suggested as successors and the council immediately appointed these two to complete the unexpired terms of Mr. Hook and Mr. Sheehan.

In securing the city for successors the mayor could not find two men better qualified to take up the work where the two very competent successors left off.

League to Meet.

Invitations to attend the annual meeting of the Illinois Municipal League in Chicago, were read and ordered written upon the records. The convention will be held at the Hotel Sherman, in Chicago, March 29-31. Ottawa officials are members of the league and it is probable that some one will go to Chicago to represent Ottawa at the meeting. Mayor W. H. Spicer, of Marseilles, is a member of the board of trustees of the state association.

MRS. AGNES MARTIN DIED AT JOLIET

Mrs. Agnes Blair Martin, wife of R. N. Martin, formerly of this city, died Friday evening at 6:25 o'clock at the Silver Cross hospital in Joliet. Mrs. Martin was born in Saratoga township, March 24, 1887, and was educated at St. Angolas Academy in Morris.

On October 7, 1914, she was united in marriage to R. N. Martin, of this city and since her marriage had made her home in Joliet.

Ecclesiastical services were held in Joliet this morning at 10 o'clock and the funeral cortege was by auto to Morris, where services were held in the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. The lodges of which she was a member had charge of the services both in Morris and Joliet.

LAST RITES ARE SAID OVER LATE GEORGE SMART

Funeral services of the late Geo. A. Smart were held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Columba church, Rev. Dean Quinn officiating. Rev. Quinn paid a high tribute to the life of the deceased. Interment took place in St. Columba cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: E. L. Dwyer, Michael Deneen, James Crowe, Michael Kiley, James Carr and Edw. Corrigan.

An elm tree will live about 650 years. It is said to be in its prime at 150 years.

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SECRETARY DANIELS CALLS UPON OTTAWANS TO RESPOND TO NATION'S CALL FOR MEN IN NAVY

The FREE TRADER-JOURNAL this morning received the following wire from Secretary Josephus Daniels, calling upon Ottawans to do their "bit" in Uncle Sam's service:

Washington, D. C., 6:30 P. M., March 25, 1917.

Editor Free Trader-Journal,
Ottawa, Ill.

The President last night signed an executive order directing that the authorized enlisted strength of the Navy be increased to 87,000 men. He was authorized by congress, in case of emergency, to direct such increase in enlistment.

New ships and ships in reserve are being fully commissioned as rapidly as possible and the need is imperative for a large enlistment to man them. There has been a net increase of over 6,500 in enlistment since congress recently authorized an increase, but many more are needed, and needed now.

Will you not emphasize this need by giving special prominence Monday on the first page of your paper, to the President's order, and also by making an editorial appeal for new recruits for the Navy.

The Navy offers exceptional advantage to young men of stuff and ambition to serve in the first line for national defense. In this emergency you have the opportunity and the privilege of performing this public service, and I am confidently appealing to you for your cordial and helpful co-operation.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS,

Secretary of the Navy,

Received 8:45 a. m., March 26.

YEGGS BLOW SAFE IN STREATOR; FIRE ON PURSUING COPS

POLICEMEN SHOW PLUCK IN
CHASING FLEET FOOTED BANDITS
IN FACE OF RAIN OF BULLETS—BLOW SAFE TO SPLINTERS.

(Special Correspondence)

Streator, March 26.—The safe of Raymond Brothers' meat market and grocery store, 806-808 North Bloomington street, was completely wrecked this morning by two yeggs who escaped with \$25.00 which the strong box contained. The interior of the store was damaged to the extent of \$100 by the flying pieces of steel.

The robbery this morning was one of the boldest that the police have had to contend with. Patrick O'Herron, of Third street, who happened to be going home from work and was passing along North Park street, happened to be in the path of the fleeing yeggs, who called at him to stop. Mr. O'Herron did not comply with their request and one of the burglars shot at him, the shot going wild.

When the chariot of nitroglycerine exploded it completely wrecked the strong box, throwing fragments of the steel through the goods on the shelves nearby. The safe contained in the neighborhood of \$25.00 in postal money. It was not known whether anything else was taken from the store.

From all indications the men expected a large haul when they entered the place, being of the opinion that the firm had placed a large amount of money in the safe following their Saturday's business. A pinch bar was found near the premises which was probably used by the yeggs.

The C. B. & Q. sheds on Broadway were broken into some time during the night and some tools were taken. It is likely that the pinch bar dropped by the men was secured at this place.

Had Time to Eat Oranges.

Orange peelings were found along the C. B. & Q. tracks this morning by the police, who are of the opinion that the men perhaps helped themselves to fruit in the grocery store, while carrying out their bold plans.

Police in Pistol Duel.

With the bullets whizzing about his head, the plucky courage of John Ackerman, a patrolman on the night police force, enabled him to rout a desperate band of safe blowers, early Sunday morning who were about to enter the Williams hardware building, Ruehler Bros., or Hunter's feed store when discovered by the patrolman.

In the dense darkness of the alley, the officer and the desperadoes engaged in a battle, a number of shots being fired, while the men were running. The officer followed the men to Wilson street, where they were lost in the darkness.

The shooting occurred about 2:30

LINCOLN SCHOOL TO HAVE APRIL 1 PARTY

The Lincoln School Parents-Teachers Association announced at their last meeting in February that they would give an April Fool's Party on Friday evening, March 30th. The committee has arranged for a full evening's entertainment, the like of which has never been seen before. The notices sent to the parents read:

COME ALL

On Friday night to Lincoln School. Fun and frolic will be the rule. A regular old-fashioned April Fool.

Many of the parents and patrons are planning costumes to wear which will add to the merriment. If it is convenient to wear costumes the committee will be pleased, but don't stay away for the lack of one. Come prepared to have a good time.

At 10 o'clock and the following account was given of the affair by Officer Ackerman:

"It was about 2:30 o'clock and I came out of the first alley south of Main street onto Sterling street. I walked down Sterling street and everything seemed to be quiet. Officer Hart was down around the Wabash depot somewhere and when I was about at the Hapenny residence on South Sterling street I noticed three men at the rear of Hunter's feed store. They were back out of the light well and were standing in a little group. I at once grew suspicious as I knew no one had any business being in an alley at this time of the morning. I went between the houses and hid myself to be able to watch the men.

"My plan would have worked very well, I think, but Officer Hart came along Bridge street and when he walked by the light the men in the alley noticed him and started to run. I knew that they were safe blowers or thieves of some sort and I went after them. They ran between the houses south of Bridge street, and stepped into a dark place. They perhaps thought they were safe. I followed them and told Hart, who was some distance away, to get down to the end of the alley to head the men off, which he did. As I went between the houses to where the men were hiding, I heard one of the fellows tell the other to shoot and sure enough he did. We were about sixty feet apart and one of the fellows shot at me. I couldn't see them, but I returned the fire and then they ran down between the houses. I followed and they kept shooting at me. I returned the fire, but it was dark and I had to shoot at the flashes from their guns in order to tell where they were at. I got mixed up in a pile of lumber and kindling, and after getting clear of that I followed the men to Wilson street, where I lost trace of them.

That the men were of a desperate character was proved by the officers, who a short time later found a bottle of nitroglycerine in the alley where they were. The bottle was full of a highly explosive fluid to break open a dozen safes. A flashlight was dropped, and a "jimmy" was also found. The flashlight was a new one and from all indications had been used only a very short time.

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Misery does not love company that is already miserable.

HANRAHAN ADMITS HE ACCOSTED GIRLS AS "HUGGER JACK"

SENTENCED TODAY TO PAY \$200
FINE OR SERVE FORTY-ONE
DAYS IN JAIL—NORTH SIDE WOMEN ARE RELIEVED.

A complete confession in which he admitted attacking Miss Letha Stone, a North Ottawa young woman, as she was passing his home, erases for the next forty-one days any fears women, who reside north of the canal, may have of Jack Hanrahan, convicted Jack-the-Hugger.

Hanrahan is held safely behind bars at the county jail and will continue to remain under the county's charge, until the expiration of a sentence dealt out to him this morning by Judge George Koenig, after the man had admitted his part in the attack upon Miss Stone.

Arrested by Sheriffs.

Hanrahan was seized by Deputy Sheriffs Mischke and Barrett Saturday afternoon, as a suspect, while they were trying to solve and nab the moron who Friday night accosted Miss Stone as she was returning home from a visit with friends on North La Salle street. Miss Stone complained that she was pursued by a man, who annoyed her with indecent proposals and who attempted to overcome her at a dark and lonely spot along the street.

She wrestled with her assailant and managed to break from his grip the same time calling for help. Her assailant, fearing detection and disappeared into the night. From the description she gave the authorities, Hanrahan was marked as a suspect, and later in the day was taken in custody.

Admits His Guilt.

After close examination by the sheriff and deputies Hanrahan confessed it was he who assaulted Miss Stone, but supplemented his confession with the statement he was drunk at the time. He admitted having been on a "periodical" for a couple of weeks, and further in their questioning the authorities discovered he was responsible for other offenses of like nature.

They charge Hanrahan with terrorizing the north side for the past month, that he will not state out and out that he has accosted other women and attempted to hug them.

This morning Hanrahan was taken before Judge George Koenig and after making a statement blaming himself for the attack upon Miss Stone, he was given the choice of paying a \$200 fine or going to jail for forty-one days. Necessity forced Hanrahan to accept the latter and he was removed to the county jail to ponder over the evils of his ways.

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THREE REGIMENTS GET WORD TO MOBILIZE AT ONCE; OTHERS READY

BULLETINS.

Chicago, March 26.—After Adjutant General Dickson's conference with General Barry it was announced that in case of war, general mobilization of Illinois troops will be at Springfield. He predicted that all Illinois troops will be called to the colors within ten days.

Springfield, March 26.—Major General Barry this afternoon wired Governor Lowden, the three regiments called out will not be mobilized at Central Point, but will be assembled at their respective stations and then assigned to duty. Where they will be assigned the government refuses to publicly announce.

Washington, March 26.—Twenty-five more national guard units, including three from Illinois, were today called out by the War Department to guard munitions plants, bridges, tunnels, water-

works and other points that might be attacked under certain circumstances. The following units have been called out:

Illinois—First, Fifth and Sixth Regiments Infantry.
Indiana—Second Regiment Infantry.
Iowa—First Regiment Infantry.
Missouri—First and Third Regiments Infantry.
Nebraska—Fourth Regiment Infantry.
Minnesota—First Regiment Infantry.
Michigan—Thirty-Third Regiment Infantry.
Wisconsin—Third Regiment Infantry.
South Dakota—Third Battalion, First Regiment Infantry.
Colorado—First and Second Separate Battalions Infantry.
Wyoming—Second Separate Battalion Infantry.
Ohio—Third and Sixth Regiments Infantry.
Washington—Second Regiment Infantry.
Oregon—Third Regiment Infantry.
California—Second, Fifth and Seventh Regiments Infantry.
Idaho—Second Regiment Infantry.
Montana—Second Regiment Infantry.

In making the announcement the War Department said:

"Of these organizations the following are already in Federal service and in consequence will not be mustered out as originally planned:

Michigan—Thirty-Third Infantry.
Colorado—First and Second Separate Battalions Infantry.
Ohio—Third and Sixth Regiments Infantry.

Colorado—Frank S. Wood, of Quincy, commands the Fifth Regiment; Col. Charles G. Davis, of Geneseo, the Sixth; Col. Joseph B. Sanborn, of Chicago, the First.

Eight Companies of the Fifth Regiment are located in the following cities:

A. Pekin; B. Jacksonville; C. Springfield; D. Bloomington; E. Hillsboro; F. Quincy; G. Peoria; H. Peoria; I. Danville; K. Delavan; L. Decatur; M. Canton; Machine gun company, Quincy.

The companies of the Sixth Regiment are located as follows:

A. Rock Island; B. Geneseo; C. Galesburg; D. Oak Park; E. Sterling; F. Moline; G. Dixon; H. Monmouth; I. Morrison; K. Keosauqua; L. Freeport; M. Chicago Heights; Machine gun company, Galesburg.

Companies F—First Regiment are located in Chicago.

Governor Awaits Word.

Springfield, Ill., March 26.—While Governor Lowden is awaiting instructions from General Barry at Chicago, Commander of the Central Division of the United States Army, informing him where the First, Fifth and Sixth Regiments are to be mobilized, the various commands throughout Central and Northern Illinois are assembling. Reports received this morning showed prompt and efficient action on the part of every company in the three regiments.

Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, who happened to be in Chicago, when the orders came from Washington,

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